

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hutchison Thomas J III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST  
[HT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2015

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

44 HERSHA DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)              | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |               |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |               |
|                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   |                                   |               |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/31/2015                           |                                                    | A                              | 1,500                                                             | A                                                                                             | \$ 0                                                     | 65,869                            | D             |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 01/04/2016                           |                                                    | G                              | V 25,000                                                          | D                                                                                             | \$ 0                                                     | 40,869                            | D             |
| Class A Common                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 20,000                            | I             |
|                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   | By Spouse (1) |

Shares of  
Beneficial  
Interest

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu                      |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hutchison Thomas J III<br>44 HERSHA DRIVE<br>HARRISBURG, PA 17102 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh, as attorney-in-fact 01/04/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, as this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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